(b) to (d) Yes, Sir, the consignment of explosive had come from Delhi. A case under section 3/5 of Explosive Substance Act stand registered in Police Station, Khanyar, Anantnag and a person named Javed Ahmad Ganie, the owner of the transport agency, has been apprehended by State Police in this regard.

Recruitment of Indian citizens by terrorist outlfsts

†832. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the terrorist's outfits are fully active in carrying out recruitment of Muslims from South India residing n countries such as Singapore, Indonesia etc;

(b) if so, the steps taken by Governemnt to tackle such a situation;

(c) whether Government have also contacted the Government of concerned countires; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reaction thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHR! S. REGUPATHY): (a) There is no information to suggest that the South Indian Muslims staying in Singapore and Indonesia etc. are being inducted into any terrorist organizaiton.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Tribal and non-Tribal families living in Andaman

833. SHRI SU. THIRUNAVUKKARASAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of Tribal and non-Tribal families living in the different parts of the Andaman district and what was their total population, separately for Tribal and non-Tribal before, Tsunami tragedy on 26th December, 2004; and

(b) the number of Tribal and non-Tribal families out of the families as at (a) above, that were actually affected due to earthquake that jolted the Andaman district on 26th December, 2004?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) The total number of Tribal and non-Tribal families living jn different parts of Andaman District is 70,207 as per 2001 census.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

The total population of tribals and non-tribals before Tsunami tragedy in Andaman District was 3222 and 3,11,180 respectively.

(b) The number of tribal and non-tribal families affected due to earthquake that jolted the Andaman District on 26.12.2004 was 205 and 39. 829 respectively.

Assessment of damage/losses due to Tsunami

834. SHRI SU. THIRUNAVUKKARASAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any Damage Assessment Committee (s) was/were constituted by the Andaman and Nicobar Administration to assess the damages/losses caused to the human life and properties to the families living in the Andaman district due to earthquake occurred on 26th December, 2004; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Assessment teams, comprising representatives from Department of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry, Agriculture, Civil Supply, Police and Forest, were constituted for assessing the damages sustained in various sectors. The assessment teams for South Andaman were constituted by Deputy Commissioner (Andamans) and for Middle & North Andaman the teams were constituted by Assistant Commissioner, Mayabunder.

Financial assistance to Kerala for flood relief

835. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal of Kerala seeking financial assistance for flood relief from the National Calamity Contingency Fund is pending with Government for sanction and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government turned down the proposal of the State Government if any, for the massive relief operations during the current year; if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the extent of loss reported from Kerala to agricultural crops and irrigation systems following the calamity and the assistance sanctioned by Government to make good the loss thereof?